

**Clearance to medium Irrigation Projects in Himachal Pradesh**

3249. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain proposals for medium irrigation projects have been received from State Government of Himachal Pradesh for survey, investigation and preparation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to approve these proposals early in the interest of development of Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Being a state subject, irrigation projects are surveyed, planned, investigated and executed by the state governments themselves as per their own priorities and out of their own resources. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has submitted modified project report to Central Water Commission during August, 1999 in respect of Balh Valley (Left Bank) Medium Irrigation Project estimated to cost Rs. 41.64 crore for providing annual irrigation to an area of 4354 hectares for approval of the Centre. Approval of the project is linked with its techno-economic viability and resolution of inter-State issues.

**Release of Cauvery Water to Tamil Nadu**

3250. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the award given by the Supreme Court and the Tribunal regarding release of Cauvery Water to Tamil Nadu by Karnataka Government, the matter is still pending;

(b) if so, what measures are being contemplated by Government against Karnataka, to honour the award, apart from holding talks; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue Constitutional directive to the Karnataka Government so that the order of the Supreme Court and the Tribunal are implemented by the State Governments?